



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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May 15, 2012

The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR
A GRANT TO THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS FOR THE
CLARKE ESTATE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$150,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Santa Fe Springs for the Clarke Estate Improvement Project in the City of Santa Fe Springs.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304 and Classes 1, 2, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project provides for improvements to existing storage sheds, replacement of carpeting for both the first and second floors of the main building, and replacement of existing natural grass in the outdoor reception area with artificial turf.
2. Allocate \$150,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Santa Fe Springs, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the Clarke Estate Improvement Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of

\$150,000 to the City of Santa Fe Springs for the Clarke Estate Improvement Project; if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$150,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Santa Fe Springs for the Clarke Estate Improvement Project.

The City of Santa Fe Springs is an eligible recipient of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition.

The Clarke Estate was built for Chauncey and Marie Rankin Clarke in 1919, and deeded to the City by the family. The estate, including its extensive grounds, is used for many public functions.

The proposed Clarke Estate Improvement Project, located at 10211 Pioneer Boulevard in Santa Fe Springs, consists of the replacement of natural grass in the outdoor reception area with artificial turf, the replacement of carpeting of both first and second floors of the main building and improvements to two storage sheds. The total cost of the proposed project is the requested \$150,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational facilities in the City of Santa Fe Springs in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$150,000, is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of Santa Fe Springs has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a

grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Santa Fe Springs is the lead agency for the Clarke Estate Improvement Project.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1, 2, and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the proposed project provides for improvements to existing storage sheds, replacement of carpeting of both first and second floors of the main building, and replacement of existing natural grass in the outdoor reception area with artificial turf.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City of Santa Fe Springs may proceed on the Clarke Estate Improvement Project in the Fourth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors